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Hamburg (Ia.) Democrat: A democrat is a man who votes the democrat ticket. See?

Winfield (Kas.) Tribune: Ohio has gone republican. Repudiation of the Kansas City platform assisted the opposition.

Horton (Kas.) Commercial: The election returns from Tuesday show that there are a good many democrats still in existence. And there will be more next year.

Vevay (Ind.) Democrat: The republican party in the south has swelled by exactly the number of democrats who have been appointed to federal positions, and no more.

Cameron (Mo.) Sun: "Don't reduce taxation or the treasury surplus; we have schemes for spending lots of money," is the sum and substance of the talk of republican congressmen.

Fostoria (O.) Democrat: The Christian church has never yet found it advisable to "let well enough alone." Is Mark Hanna's administration superior in standard to Christian civilization?

Fairfield (Ill.) Sun: The republicans will howl themselves hoarse against fusion in elections, and in the recent election in New York city that party fused with eight other organizations to defeat the regular democratic ticket.

Malden (Mo.) Times: The grand old party still flourishes, and is a power in the land. Let us pull together for a better and more harmonious organization and the standard of the democratic party will be planted on the White house in 1904.

Hartville (Mo.) Democrat: The Hartville Democrat has not yet selected its choice, but it shall be our policy to support no man for the nomination unless he can produce a record "whiter than snow," against trusts, combines, corporations, and gold bugs.

Minden (Neb.) Courier: No one contending for a principle should be dismayed at defeat in elections. It is like our jury system, very uncertain. Truth is often defeated, arrayed against palpable error, in both courts and elections. Prejudice and spite are potent factors in both.

Jacksonville (Ill.) Courier: The old United States bank scheme, that Jackson throttled so successfully nearly three score and ten years ago, is again bobbing up its head serenely. The money power will never be satisfied until it has complete and undisputed control of the government.

Anoka (Minn.) Free Press: Oh, yes; the republican party will attend to proper tariff reform all right enough. That party has attended to it magnificently up to date, and may be depended upon to do so hereafter—if given a chance. The republican tariff system is as compact and complete a system of highway robbery as it is possible to conceive, and robbers may always be depended upon to reform themselves—in a horn.

Alvarado (Tex.) Bulletin: Suppose Mr. Bryan had been elected one year ago and suppose cotton had gone down below seven cents, as it has done under McKinley rule! The McKinley prosperity whoopers would almost have had hydrophobia, and all would have been charged to "Bryanism." As it is, the whoopers say never a word.

Greenville (O.) Democratic Advocate: We trust the democracy of Ohio now has about enough of John R. McLean and his gold bug lieutenants. Oil and water won't mix, and the doses they doled out to the party the past few months wouldn't go down with men who have for years advocated higher and better things.

Crete (Neb.) Democrat: The treasury statement issued Nov. 1 shows that Secretary Gage has bought \$40,477,990 of government bonds on which he paid \$9,000,000 premium. Don't you think this a rather expensive way for the people to get their money into circulation again after paying it into the treasury as taxes and tariff?

Puxico (Mo.) Index: The gold democrat (?) papers are endeavoring to quiet the discussion, now going on by the democratic papers, in reference to the nearly seven million democrats who stayed with the party, giving way to the political hobnobbing of the bolters. It is folly for them to continue their endeavors, as the voters know them by the brand.

Vancouver (Wash.) Register-Democrat: The Wall street sharks realize that it (the money question) is not yet settled, and they do not intend that it shall be settled until the money power shall become absolutely supreme in this nation—until it shall be unquestioned in its power as the mother and head of the giant trusts which are strangling individual effort.

Dayton (Wash.) Courier-Press: So long as manufacturers here can keep their factories going by charging Americans 100 per cent and more profit on their wares, and send the surplus to foreign countries and sell them at a price which cuts off a profit to the manufacturer there, and the workmen there is still unstarved, just so long the present unfair methods will continue.

Jackson (Mo.) Cash Book: The St. Louis Republic descants on Tuesday's elections in a double-leaded editorial. In speaking of the result in the several states it takes occasion to divide the democratic party into two classes, the "reorganizers" and the "disorganizers." Of course this great democratic (?) daily means by the "reorganizers" that class to which it belongs, the gold bugs who have twice defeated the democratic party in national elections. The "disorganizers" are the democrats who believe in the principles of the Kansas City platform and who would rather see the party go down in defeat for a hundred years than to suffer the gold bug traitors to run it on republican principles.

Caruthersville (Mo.) Democrat: "Loyalty to party," says the Cape Republican, "is the cardinal principle of the republican party." It is, for a fact; the will of the bosses rules and the common voter has little to say. Democrats are different, every fellow thinks for himself and if they don't all happen to think alike a row ensues. Anybody can be a republican, but it takes a man of spirit and action to be a good democrat.

Colorado Springs (Colo.) Democrat: The board of equalization of Cleveland, O., has decided to tax the riparian rights along the water front of Lake Erie. One of the great steel works there, objecting, said: "I think you have just as much right to tax our right to use air and light as you have to tax our riparian rights." The attorney for the board replied: "The difference is that all of us have air and light, but just a few of you have Lake Erie." That is the whole question in a nutshell.

Nevada (Mo.) Democrat: The only platform the democratic party has is the one made at Kansas City, Mo., and any democrat running for United States senator, who cannot stand squarely on this platform, should not be elected. The democratic platform adopted then stands until another is made, and if the party does not see fit to adopt another, all democrats who are true blue and want to run for office will have to stand thereon. The ratio may not cut much figure with some politicians, but it does with those of the party who are true democrats and want to live up to the democratic platform and principles.

Monmouth (Ill.) Democrat: There are none so blind as those who will not see, and the Chronicle is the blindest bat of them all. The man who espouses the cause of all the people is a populist; the man who attacks corporate interests which threaten to overthrow popular government and enslave a majority of mankind is an anarchist, according to the Chronicle. That paper, like all the other subsidized metropolitan sheets, "talks crooked." Ever ready to see the mote in its neighbor's eye, the Chronicle is utterly oblivious to the "beam" in its own optic.

Pomeroy (O.) Democrat: If reports are true, the Pomeroy branch of the American Steel Hoop company is a thing of the past. The mill here has shut down indefinitely and the men employed have been advised to look for work elsewhere. This is bad news for the people of Pomeroy as well as for the men who have located here with their families. Thus our citizens have an object lesson in the benefits of combinations known as "trusts." Had Kilbourne been elected it is safe to presume that his election would have been pointed to as the cause of our loss. But did not Hanna say "Let well enough alone," and was it not taken up and repeated by his

political admirers as an epigram fraught with wonderful wisdom?

Macon (Mo.) Times-Democrat: Tuesday's elections ought to open the eyes of any man who aspires to the senatorship from Missouri, that no other pass word but democracy as defined by the Kansas City platform, will be accepted by the people who are the real sentinel to the doors of congress.

Preston (Minn.) National Republican: To it (the republican party) is chargeable all the crimes trusts have committed. They are the operating force of the party. They own the courts and a majority of congress. There is not a farmer or any other toiler in America whose interests and rights are not jeopardised by the trusts. Why should any of them vote a so-called republican party ticket? A more suicidal act could not be committed. Again read Mr. Washburn's strong language and think yourself out of bondage.

Rockville (Ind.) Tribune: With very few exceptions, there is no longer any individuality or citizenship connected with the great dailies. They are corporations, and reflect corporation views. They possess no warm-blooded humanity. It is the country papers alone that speak as men speak, and as men used to speak in all the papers. Whether it is because they must reflect the sentiment dominant among the masses, or because of an honest endeavor to disseminate the democracy of the common people, it is true that the country papers are, and for several years have been, the patient privates who comprise the vanguard of democracy's grand army.

Potosi (Mo.) Independent: The man of principle and the man of policy can no longer live comfortably together under the same political roof. The earnest of one is the jest of the other. One will not hear to a backward step in the fight against monopoly; he will not listen to any proposition of compromise with the trusts; he will consent to no abatement of the war against the national banks and their control of the government; he will not fellowship on any terms other than complete surrender with the deserters of 1896. He is willing to go up to defeat after defeat for the principles he holds dear, confident in his belief that the right will ultimately prevail. The other regards these conditions as impossible; he cannot consent to the driving of large contributors to the campaign fund from the party; he cannot understand the man who is unwilling to make concessions in the platform to wealthy gentlemen who, in consideration therefor, are willing to bear the expense of the campaign; he has an abiding faith in the efficacy of buncomb to quiet the conscience of the people; he believes that clap-trap will atone for any inconsistency in a record. If he has lived long in the atmosphere of Washington, he is apt to sneer at any effort to uphold the constitution, or to restrain the power of organized greed. One element is apt in its zeal for principle, to overlook party organization. The other in its zeal to hold fast to the loaves and fishes, is apt to attack the principles that cause its party to exist.